

August 27, 2010

Dear Camping Club Groups,

In an effort to make the group camping areas more available to all camping groups, the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation will be accepting Applications for Parkland Group Permits for the 2011 camping season on October 1, 2010. Please review the guidelines below as you prepare to book your dates.

1. Reservations for the 2011 season will not be accepted until October 1, 2010. All applications received prior to that date will be returned in the mail.
2. On October 1, 2010, reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Parks Department does not give out numbers or support a sign-up sheet of any kind. Any campers that initiate such a system on their own will have to forfeit their group reservations for that day.
3. The Parks Department hours of operation are Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30am – 4:30pm. No camping club groups will be permitted to enter County Property before or after that time. Therefore, any camping club group that enters county property during non-operation hours will be escorted off the premises by Park Police.
4. Any applicant that submits applications for more than one group/organization will forfeit their reservations.
5. On October 1, 2010, all groups will be permitted to submit only three applications. Only one of the three applications can be for a holiday week. On March 1, 2011 groups will be allowed to submit additional applications for the remainder of the season.
6. Once your requests have been approved, you will be mailed a confirmation copy in the mail sometime in the beginning of the year. Please read the confirmation carefully and confirm that all information is correct. If there are any discrepancies, please contact our permit department immediately at (631)854-4964.

These guidelines were established as a result of feedback we received from the camping community to assist in making the system more equitable to all groups. If you have any questions concerning these procedures, please contact the Parks Administration Office at (631)854-4949.

Sincerely,

Tracey Bellone
Deputy Commissioner